



# FEMA

## NEWS RELEASE STATE/FEDERAL DISASTER FIELD OFFICE JOINT INFORMATION CENTER



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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Well-Water Health Advisory**

EVERETT, WA —Public health officials, Washington Emergency Management Division and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) urge residents affected by the recent severe storms that occurred October 15 – 23 who rely on private wells to have their water supply tested if any of the following conditions exist:

- If the well was actually flooded;
- If the well is in close proximity to a flooded area; and
- If there has been a change in water quality (odor or taste).

**Residents who observe any of the above conditions in their well water should contact their local health department to request water sampling instructions.**

#### **Main telephone number for each local health jurisdiction:**

Chelan-Douglas 360-886-6450  
Clallam 360/417-2258  
Grays Harbor 360-249-4413  
Island 360/679-7350  
Jefferson 360-385-9444  
Kitsap 360-337-5285  
King County 206-296-4932

Mason 360-427-9670 x 580  
Okanogan 509-422-7140  
Pierce County 253-798-6500  
San Juan 360-378-4474  
Skagit 360 336-9830  
Snohomish 435/339-5250  
Thurston 360-786-5490  
Whatcom 360/676-6724

Important information can also be obtained through the web site  
[http://www.snohd.org/envhealth/www/EmergencyFlood\\_2001.pdf](http://www.snohd.org/envhealth/www/EmergencyFlood_2001.pdf)

Residents and business owners affected by the storms are urged to call the toll-free registration number, 1-800-621-FEMA, to apply for assistance. People with hearing or speech impairments can call (TTY) 1-800-462-7585 for assistance. Applications can be made between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

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**Note to Editors:** Disaster information is available on FEMA's World Wide Web at <http://www.fema.gov> or the Washington Emergency Management Division at <http://emd.wa.gov>.